

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

August 7, 2016

Good Morning! Welcome to our service of worship and celebration. We invite you to sign our register and to worship with us whenever you can. We welcome everyone without regard to race, ethnic identity, gender, sexual orientation, age, and economic or other life circumstances. Information about our church and about the Mennonite faith is available on the brochure racks near the side entrances to the sanctuary.

Our ushers are **Brad and Nancy Gritman**. Our greet is **Dick Tatro**. Please ask any of them if you need assistance with seating, would like to use a large-print hymnal, or have questions about the location of the restrooms. The nursery is located on the second floor of the education wing. Today's nursery workers are **Amy Kliewer, Karla Leuenberg, and Madeline Bollinger**.

Closing Trustee: **Mitch Kaufman**

Thank you Rainbow Mennonite Church members, friends and staff, for the music, the singing, the message, the ushering, the food, the PA set-up, the Fellowship Hall set-up/clean-up, and the participating at John's 'Celebration of Life & Remembrance' August 6. For your gifts of love, music, friendship, prayers and words of support, we extend our sincere and heartfelt gratitude.

-The family of John B Bush, Jr

Please **pray** for Dave and Diane Richardson Spaitte as Diane's grandfather, Ken Richardson, passed away on Friday in Adrian, MI. Services will be held next week.

In order to be good stewards of the leftover food from this summer, this year's Freedom School chefs Richard and Laura will be preparing a brunch for Rainbow congregants TODAY following worship. Donations will be accepted with all proceeds going to Freedom School/Sharing Community in Rosedale. See your insert for the menu. **All are welcome!**

The "**Guatemala Group**" will be sharing pictures and stories from our trip during the Church School hour on Aug. 21. Come hear about the tarantula we found, the trenches and hole we dug and about the relationships we built and renewed in Panabaj. We hope you can stay for a fundraising meal to replenish the International Service Trip fund and provide some seed money for the next trip!

Registration for the church retreat September 24th-25th is now open! The retreat will take place at Youthfront LaCygne, just west of Kansas City. Olivia Bartel, Camp Mennoscah Director, will be our guest speaker and activity organizer. The theme of the retreat will center on ways one can be more intentional about our outdoor space, whether that be through prayer, worship, or play! There will be an overnight option, day-only option, and Sunday morning only option. This retreat center specializes in meditation and provides a variety of walking trails, meditation and prayer opportunities, as well as a lake for boating, swimming, and fishing. Please see Renee Reimer if you have any questions about the retreat. To register online, look for a link in the midweek email. Paper copies of the registration form are available at the east and west entrance to the Sanctuary.

An ad hoc committee has begun work **to preserve archives** related to the history of our church and previous congregations that comprise our historical narrative. Currently, the committee is in the process of gathering information regarding items of archival interest including documents, photos, videos, and physical items that may be stored in the church or currently kept at home by congregation members. If you have any such items at home or know of the whereabouts of such items, please notify any of the committee members, Kathy Kaufman, Karen Hostetler, or Keith Jantz. Contact Keith Jantz if you have any questions about the committee's plans.

On August 1, **Delight Ahead preschool** moved into the Rainbow Room. We have signed a lease with them through May 2017. Dee Spencer is the owner and is a Rosedale resident.

Staff Updates:

Today will be Ryne Preheim's last day as pastoral intern at Rainbow. Ryne says "thank you to the Rainbow community for opening its doors to me throughout the summer and making in the internship a great experience."

Ashton Wells will begin her newly established position as full-time Church Administrator on Monday, August 8. This revised position was approved by the congregation July 24.

Rainbow is hiring! We are looking for a half-time Maintenance Coordinator. You can find the job description on the home page of the church website. Email a resume and cover letter to office@rainbowmennonite.org to apply.

Joshua Chittum and Lonnie Buerge are putting together a Rainbow group to attend the **Royals vs Tigers game on Sept 2**. Tickets will be \$22 in the upper deck. If you are interested, please send a notice on how many tickets you need to carrieprg@gmail.com. If you have questions, please see Josh or Lonnie.

Mark your calendars for these events coming up at Rainbow!

- **Saturday, September 3:** Rainbow will host Ted and Company, a professional drama group from Harrisonburg, Virginia, that uses humor and storytelling to talk about issues of faith and social justice. September is suicide awareness month, and with the support of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill Faithnet, they are traveling across the US presenting the show *Laughter is Sacred Space*. From the Ted and Company website: "In this gritty and dramatic show, Ted Swartz walks you through his relationship with friend and business partner, Lee Eshleman, who took his own life in 2007. Ted explores the paradox of working with a comedic partner struggling with bipolar disorder, as well as the challenge of writing and performing stories about God while experiencing the absence of God after Lee's death."
- **Sunday, September 4:** Ted Schwartz will be speaking in the service and will lead an adult Sunday School class.

There is a wedding shower for Elizabeth Uribe and Eli Page-Goertz being planned for **Sept 10** at 4:00 at the home of Jan and Lonnie Buerge hosted by Clif and Karen Hostetler and Dale and Linda Graham. Please RSVP to carrieprg@gmail.com. They are registered at [Bed Bath and Beyond](#) and [Williams-Sonoma](#). Everyone is welcome

This Week

Tuesday	August 9	Staff Meeting	11:00 am
Wednesday	August 10	Trustees Meeting	10:00 am
		MVS Board Meeting	7:00 pm
Thursday	August 11	Deacons Meeting	5:30 pm

Next Week

Tuesday	August 16	Staff Meeting	11:00 am
Wednesday	August 17	Women's Luncheon	11:00 am

July 31

Attendance.....	116
Visitors (included in attendance count)	8